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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve. The Acts 27:23.

### Important Year

A year ago yesterday, on April 2, 1951, Kings Mountain Hospital opened its doors to receive patients for the first time. Since those 366 days, the hospital has listed as patients almost 1,200 persons, an average of 100 month. Not included in the figures reported last week are the many people who received emergency first aid and other services not serious enough for admission. Neither was there estimated the many miles of travel saved families of the ill in visiting their sick.

As important as any figure mentionable was the small net operating loss shown by the hospital during its first nine months of operation, which totaled only \$331.66.

Business Manager Joe Dixon told the Herald that some of the trustees had figured the hospital would be lucky to get by the difficult first year without a loss of at least \$6,000. On that basis, the hospital should have lost \$4,500 in its first nine months.

Its good financial showing is attributable to two factors: 1) the good management, it has received, a credit to the county hospital board of trustees, the business manager and the staff; and 2) the acceptance of the hospital as the reputable institution it is by the citizens of Number 4 and 5 Townships, the people the hospital principally serves.

It has been a good first year at Kings Mountain Hospital and, with the forthcoming opening of the Lottie Goforth Memorial Wing, plus the constant addition of new medical equipment, next year, and the next, and the next promise ever-improving service and benefits to the citizens of the Kings Mountain area.

### Good When Needed

In the state's unemployment compensation fund is \$172,000,000, which is a sizable sum of money.

It is sufficiently sizable, in fact, that the provisions of the employment security law make it possible to cut the rate which North Carolina employers must pay on 1952 payrolls.

The employment security law can be pretty wonderful, as has been seen in the past nine months when textile orders have been hard to find. Employer and employee alike hope the tax rate can be scaled down again at next refiguring time.

Many young folk go off to college and forget why they're there. Football Saturdays, dance weekends, and other extra-curricular activities sometimes get the tail to wagging the dog to the point that scholastics suffer. Thus it is always a pleasure to commend those who keep their eye on the principal reason for college training. The latest of those to demonstrate this 20-20 vision is Bill Amos, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Amos, who has been elected to membership in the Wake Forest chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

From a Herald news story last week: "In the past, Kings Mountain has had a higher percentage of response to the Easter Seal campaign than any other section of the county." It's another tribute to the liberality of Kings Mountain area citizens.

Our hearty congratulations to the five new members of Kings Mountain High school's National Honor Society. They are Cornelia Ware, Ann McKelvie, Joyce Biser, Delores Davidson, and Gilbert McKelvie.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Cleveland County's three commissioners entered their bid for re-election by filing formally their candidacies with the newly appointed county board of elections. Haywood E. Lynch, Editor of the Herald made a talk Wednesday afternoon to members of Park Grace Parents-Teachers Association.

Miss Grace Davis and Mrs. George Blalock entertained members of the Rebecca Class of Central Methodist church at the home of Miss Davis at the D. L. Saunders residence on Grace street Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. Ware was hostess to members of the Kings Mountain Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy at her home last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. George Lattimore entertained members of her bridge club and guests to make up two tables on Tuesday afternoon.

The local high school debating team defeated Mooresville and Newton teams Friday, March 27 in the annual triangular debate which is sponsored each year by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina.

Johnnie Elam, who is stationed in Florida with the U. S. Army spent the past weekend at home. Mrs. J. B. Falls will visit her husband in Portsmouth, Va., for Easter. Mrs. J. G. Winkler returned Friday from a ten-day visit to Silver Springs, Maryland and Washington, D. C. Mr. Wilson Griffin of E. M. L. Salemburg, N. C., will arrive home today to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

Ingredients: Bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

### It's April

The bees are buzzing, the trees are flowering, and young men's fancies are turning more actively, if possible, to thoughts of LOVE. Tuesday was April Fool's Day, and I trust the pranks were up to par. Can't help but wonder if super-sonic jet propulsion has hit the April Fool's day pranksters, too, or whether the old trick of pushing a lad over a bended mate is still in vogue.

Personally, considering the 1952-model youngster, figuring he is just as imaginative as any of his forbears, and being cognizant of the advance of science, it is rather easy to guess that on Tuesday there were practiced throughout the commonwealth some variations on old April Fool themes.

April is a nice month, even if it showers. I have not checked with the weather man to determine whether the old adage about April showers applies to Piedmont North Carolina, but even if it does, the showers are usually of short duration. Merchants do a thriving business in raincoats, umbrellas and other accoutrements, and good advice to ladyfolk is to be sure that their new cotton frocks are sanforized.

None who had the bitter experience at one of the early horse shows here will need the pre-shrinking advice. It was at the last of the war and goods were scarce. Any old rag could be sold and some were. Several ladies at the horse show, caught in a spring deluge, ran up the street holding their dress tails down. The shrinkage had begun, and the holding-down wasn't very successful.

On the basis of rainfall thus far this year, April shouldn't be too much of a showering month. During the equinoctial rains weekend before last, the ground soaked up quite an amount of water. A number of people got a tickle out of the Dixie Theatre marquee listing which read "Cloudburst". I haven't checked with Charlie Cash to see whether rain helped, or hurt, his business on "Cloudburst".

The nicest part about April in Kings Mountain, and in this whole section, is that the complete changeover is made from winter to spring. Motorists order up lighter weight oil from their service station operators, men get to shed their vests and women shed their hose and corsets (except for "dress occasions"). It's really a shedding season.

It's the time of year that the by-ways make a lovely weel-end afternoon drive. Pastures are growing green, land is freshly tilled, the air is fresh and the sky's blue. The sap is up in the trees, and something akin to the process happens in people, too. They throw off the winter-time lethargy and want to do something. "Old men" as I have heard some golf widows call them, head for the golf course or other sporting marts, and the lady-folk, themselves, start putting the pressure on, for a re-decorating job in the kitchen, and an upholstering job in the living room. The soap manufacturers profit, too, from this general re-awakening, for the sun shows that the dark spot in the corner and on the Venetian blinds is just plain dirt.

Change of season is one of the nicest times of the year, and I believe I'll cast my vote for spring, along with the school boys and girls, who can smell vacation season just around the corner, even if it is a couple of months away.

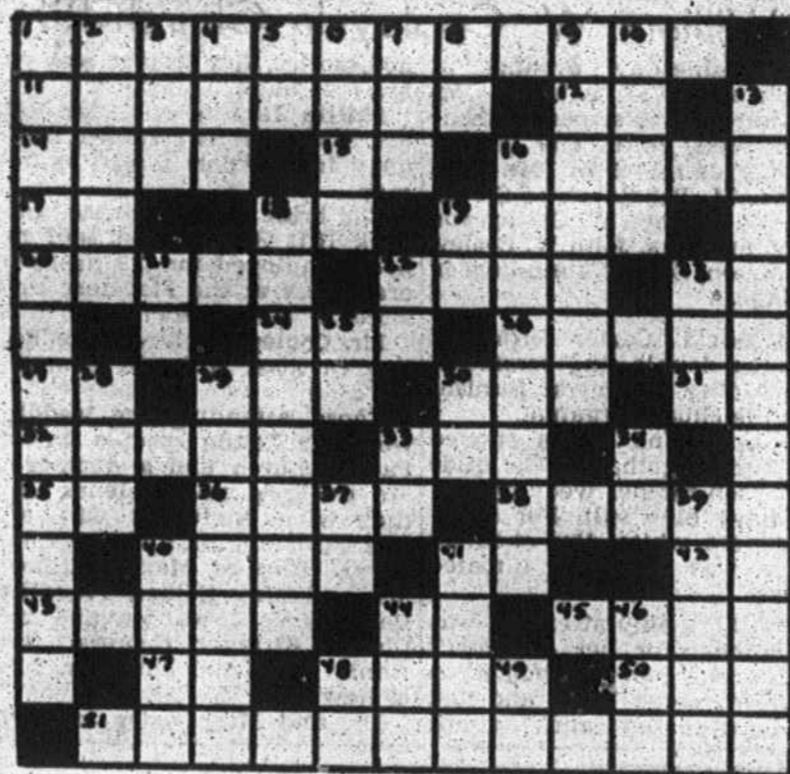
This year, April not only means lightweight clothes, the crack of the baseball bat, the just-returning white sidewall tires, and the gambling on the green, but it means Easter, too, a hallowed season of spiritual rebirth.

Easter is "later" this year, a benefit to merchant and customer alike. When Easter is early, the merchant has a short selling season, and spring business is sometimes not all that could be desired. A "late" Easter not only gives the merchant more time to sell his goods, but the customer more time to get up the money to pay for the lady's new bonnet, suit, hat, bag and gloves. Of course, the male usually manages to get up enough to handle the aforementioned female apparel items anyhow, but with a late Easter, he has a better chance of sporting a new hat or pair of shoes himself, in teh annual Easter parade.

It's nice to have spring back. And, just as a reminder, even though Easter is "late", it's only 10 days away.

### CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS  
1—To perceive wrongly  
11—Further; remoter  
12—Compass direction  
14—It is situated  
15—Latin connective  
16—A standard of perfection  
17—Chemical symbol for tantalum  
18—Bone  
19—Breeding horse  
20—Language peculiar to a people  
22—Part of a bridge  
23—Part of verb "to be"  
24—A distinctive doctrine  
26—Relates  
27—Behold  
29—Beast of burden  
30—Dance step  
31—Spanish affirmative  
32—Presses  
33—Humor  
35—Chemical symbol for cerium  
36—To scoff

General Interest  
38—A fragrant oleoresin  
40—A kind of fruit distilled into a drink  
41—Lily  
42—Feminine suffix  
43—Something that serves as a symbol  
44—Indefinite article  
45—Bough  
47—Comparative suffix  
48—To declare openly  
50—Nothing  
51—State of dining brilliantly

DOWN  
1—A great number  
2—One of Homer's great epic stories  
3—Feminine abbreviation for "aunt"  
4—Variation of the prefix "re"  
5—Two things of a kind (abbrev.)  
6—Pastries  
7—Decay  
8—Comparative suffix  
9—Suffers patiently  
10—Want  
13—That may be grouped or segregated  
16—Repeats  
18—State of being left out  
19—Spanish affirmative  
21—Pronoun  
22—Abbreviated afternoon  
23—Possessive pronoun  
25—Sea vessel (abbrev.)  
26—Unrefined mineral  
29—A kind of fish (pl.)  
30—Greek letter  
33—Personal pronoun  
34—Part of verb "to be"  
37—To exist  
39—To age  
40—Implication of slow travel (variation)  
41—Soon  
44—Thoroughfare (abbrev.)  
46—Tavern  
48—Man's nickname  
49—War Department (abbrev.)

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### NEWSPAPER OBLIGATION

(RUTHERFORD COUNTY NEWS)  
The Opelika, Ala., Daily News has demonstrated the facts that a newspaper is obligated to print the news of its community fearlessly and fairly.

A few days ago the editor of The News received a telephone call from an advertiser who objected to publication of the name of a person convicted of driving an automobile while intoxicated. The advertiser threatened to cancel all his copy unless the convicted person's name was omitted.

The News printed the name and the advertising was cancelled. There the matter rests except for a few days later in the editorial columns. It read as follows:

This advertiser, we hope shall soon return to the columns of this newspaper. The Daily News management feels that advertising in the Daily News pays off. We don't consider an order for an ad as a gift or a favor. We regard advertising space as merchandise that we have for sale, just as the merchant has his stock in trade.

If there could have been any possible way to omit the name involved in the DWI charges, this advertiser's threat would have blocked it. How could a newspaper, under such circumstances, maintain its self-respect?

We don't make the news—we print it. If a man is convicted of driving while intoxicated, that is clearly news. The Daily News has no personal grudge to cause it to report these cases. Like others, it feels a compassion for those unfortunate ones involved. In every case, we wish it had not happened. We wish, too, there was something we could do to prevent it from ever happening again.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

##### FREE SPEECH

Looks like it's a sort of hard job for me to get some of you folks straightened out on this free speech business. To begin with, there is in North Carolina all the freedom of thought, speech, and action that anybody in the world could ask. I have been in these parts for more years than I like to admit, and I have never heard of any fellow wanting to say his say who couldn't do it.

Of course, if you are connected with a college, church, newspaper, or any other institution which is responsible for your actions or your meal tickets, and you take a notion to say and do a lot of things contrary to the policies of that institution, then you ought to resign. And make no fuss about it.

Maybe what you want to say ought to be said. Maybe it is the truth. Your first loyalty is to the truth as you see the truth. But the other fellow must be free as well as you.

You have no right to make him responsible for your words, or liable for your support, while you are busy tearing down what he is trying to build up.

This is just plain common sense, and ordinary justice. If you have a burden on your soul and want to get it off, simply arrange for the performance in such a way that no one is responsible for it except you, and then go to it. Then we will all see to it that you are unmolesated which we may not believe a word you say.

You may confidently tell the

#### NO SPLIT HERE

(CHATHAM NEWS)  
Every time we hear a public speaker mention the city-rural split, real or imaginary, we become increasingly thankful that such a split exists here only in the minds of little people who try to create a cleavage where none exists solely to further some personal aim.

In Chatham County we are all rural whether we actually live on a farm or in one of the towns that dot the countryside. Our aims are similar and we are dependent on one another for all future development.

Let's take a look at our industries. They can, possibly, be called "cittified" but their dependence for workers is on the men and women who do not necessarily live "in town" but live on the farms.

And farm folks can thank their stars that these industries are among us—because they afford gainful employment to many men and women whose incomes make farm development possible.

It is apparent, therefore, that there is not and never will be, any real split among our people. Disagree they may but not for long—because our goals are the same—and even our methods.

World that thought and speech and action are as free as the air here in North Carolina.  
Manley R. Dunaway

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